[Shri Dipen Ghosh]

these REP licences into Exim Scrips and these Exim Scrips, to the extent of thirty per cent of the foreign exchange earned through exports, can be easily traded. They have now been made as unrestricted tradeable Exim Scrips and these Exim Scrips will he floated in the share markets. in the stock markets. Already, Madam, on the floor of this House, I had raised this issue and said that with this there would be manoeuvres or manipulations and after these Scrips were sold and went into the hands of the persons who were not exporters, they would use them to import their requirements and we would not be getting the foreign exchange. My colleague, Mr. Jagesh Desai, has pointed out that it has been mentioned in the Press that already there has been trading in fake Exim Scrips. Now fake Exim Scrips are being floaed in the market. What will happen in that case? If the Exim Scrips to the tune of a thousand crores go to the market and if those Sripts are exchanged and foreign exchange is taken in exchange for those Scrips, what will happen to our balance of payments position? This is the fall-out of the package of the recent economic reforms. So, it undelines the necessity for instituting an inquiry into the whole thing to determine how these Exim Scrips will be issue how they will be traded, under what conditionalities they will be traded, whether there will be any manipulation and, if so, what machinery should be there to check that and to check this type of fake Exim scrpis. I think Mr. Rameshwar Thakur is here just now, but nobody from the Commerce Ministry is present just now. But foreign exchange is released by the Finance Ministry only in exchange for these Scrips. So, in view of the importance of this issue, I expect that the Government would come out with a statement in this House and take the House into confidence and tell how they are going to prevent this type of malpractice in the trade of Exim Scrips. Thank you, Madam.

Non-availability of Accommodation f Members of Parliament in New Delhi

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHE (Haryana): Madam, in this House, matt regarding injustices to women, injusti to the Scheduled Caste and Schedu Tribe people, injustices to the minorit etc. are raised. Today, through this Sp cial Mention, I would like to raise serious matter regarding the plight of t Members of Parliament. A great *injusti* is being done to the Members of Parli ment in Delhi who are the representativ of the people of this country.

Madam, this morning we were with t Chairman for breakfast. He asked one the Members as to where he was residin He said that he was living in the Kar taka House because no house had be allotted to him and another said that was putting up in a hotel. Madam, wh the Members are not given the accomm dation to which they are entitled, it very difficult for the Members of Parl ment to function properly. Madam, th are being trated very shabbily. Even t houses which have been given to t Members are not being maintained p perly. And I can cite one instance abo my house. Madam, when one windo fell down from the flat in which I staying, for the last more than six mon I have been complaining and writing everybody but that window has not be repaired or replaced so far. Rather was closed with a piece of plywood. A all the locks are also not function properly.

Madam, the hon. Minister of Parliam tary Affairs is there. A Bill was mo by Shri Malaviya when he was the Mi ter of Parliamentary Affairs giving s facilities to the Members of Parliam regarding their pension and taking a co panion on an air journey. We do know where that Bill is lying and w the fate is of that Bill.

Madam, I would like to bring two three things to the notice of the Ho We are given only Rs. 300 towards e tricity and water charges. The rates lier were 72 paise per unit of electric

Now, the rates have been increased to Rs. 2.29 per unit. Now, we have to pay huge bills of electricity and water. Madam, how can the people, how can the Government expect the Members to function as per their duties if they are not given proper facilities? About telephone calls, Madam, we are given only 30,000 free calls, And I think, every Member will be making calls to the tune of one lakh or 75.000 or 50000. Now this number should be increased. At least, it should be doubled, and 60,000 calls should be allowed to be made free.

Madam, through you, I would like to make two suggestions regarding accommodation. The Members of Parliament can be allotted either flats, of course, against payment on instalments, or plots. And those persons who are allotted the plots or the flats can be debarred from holding the official accommodation. And the official accomodation need not be given to them. Or there can be co-operative societies of Members of Parliament. Even if a Member ceased to be a Member, he would very much like to visit Delhi, he would very much like to be in the mainstream of politics and he would like to have a residence in Delhi. That is why many of the ex-Ministers and ex-Members are not vacating the houses. And they do not know where to go. So, Madam, through you, I request the Government to think over it, to consider the fate of the Members of Parliament. Also, I would like the hon. Minister to inform the House as to what is happening to that Bill which was passed by both the Houses of Parliament. I understand that it is lying with the hon. President for the last so many days. I do not know whether the President can withhold the Bill indefinitely. Or, he should send it back to the Parliament for reconsideration. Madam, I hope, the Government take care of it. It is a serious matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We have a House Committee... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI G. G. SWELL (Meghalaya): I associate myself with it and I support.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is a House Committee constituted by the House to look into the problems of the Members of Parliament. And also.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश): मैडम, तकलीफ यह है कि हाऊस कमेटी को भी सी०पी०डब्ल्यु०डी० वाले मानते नहीं । वे बड़ी सज्जनता से आपसे बात करते हैं लेकिन काम नहीं करते हैं । आप चाहे फोन करिये, वे आयेंगे, नहीं आयेंगे । अगर कहीं मल्बा भी छत से गिर गया है तो आप यकीन मानिये कि बरसात से पहले तो उठेगा ही नहीं और अगर मरम्मत होनी है बरसात से पहले, चाहे चिल्लाइये कि मेरी छत चू रही है, बरसात हो रही है तो उसको वह अक्तूबर-नवम्बर में आकर के ठीक करेंगे । उनसे पूछा जाये कि जब बरसात हो रही थी तो तब ठीक क्यों नहीं किया? तो लिहाजा मैं आपकी बात से सहमत हूं । मेरा एक सुझाव है, जो आपके माध्यम से सदन तक पहुंच जाये, कि सी०पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० का स्टाफ जो संसद से संबंधित है उनकी सर्विज हमारे सैक्रेटरिएट के अंदर होनी चाहिये, चाहे उनको डेप्युटेशन मानो या कुछ मानो, अगर वह सैक्रेटरिएट के अंदर आ जायें तो यहां के सैक्रेटरी जनरल या और जो अधिकारी हैं उनकी रिपोर्ट लिखेंगे तो काम होगा । लेकिन जब तक वह गवर्नमेंट के अधीन हैं

तो मेरा सुझाव है आपके माध्यम से कि जितना सी०पी०डब्ल्यु०डी० का स्टाफ है लोक सभा व राज्य सभा के सदस्यों के हाऊसिंग के देखभाल के लिये

That should be brought under the jurisdiction of the Parliament Secretary.

उपसभापति : सलारिया जी, आप भी इसी विषय पर कुछ कहना चाहते हैं ?

श्री शब्बीर अहमद सलारिया (जम्मू और काश्मीर) : मैडम, मैं यह अर्ज करना चाहता हूं कि जिन ख्यालात का इजहार

[श्री शब्बीर अहमद सलारिया]

इन्होंने किया है, उनके साथ मैं इत्तफाक करता हूं और मेरी इब्तिदा यह है कि यह जो बिल यहां से पास हुआ था, उसके बारे में फौरी तौर पर गौर करके कोई फैसला होना चाहिए । उसको इल्तवा के लिए वहां पर रोककर नहीं रखा जाना चाहिए । इससे पार्लियामेंट की जो कार्यवाही है, उसमें बाधा पड़ती है और इसको नलीफाई किया जाता है, जो कि कांस्टीट्यूशन के प्रोविजन के खिलाफ है, आईन के खिलाफ है ।

†[شری شبیر احمد سلاریہ : میڈم

میں یہ عرض کرنا چاہتا ہوں کہ جن خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے کیا ہے - انکے ساتھ میں اتفاق کرتا ہوں اور میری ابتدا یہ ہے کہ یہ جو بل یہاں پاس ہوا تھا - اسکے بارے میں فوری طور پر غور کرکے کوئی فیصلہ ہونا چاہئے - اسکو التوا کیلئے وہاں روک کر نہیں رکھا جانا چاہئے - اس سے پارلیمنٹ کی جو کارروائی ہے - اسمیں باندھا پڑتی ہے اور اسکو نلی قائی کیا جاتا ہے - جو کہ کانسٹی ٹیوشن کے پروویژن کے خلاف ہے - آئین کے خلاف ہے -]

श्री सैयद सिब्ते रजी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैडम, मैं भी एसोसिएट करता हूं । यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण बात है ।

उपसभापति : सब लोग तो यह समझते हैं कि यह बात आई तो पता लगा कि वे कष्ट में भी रह रहे हैं ।

श्री शब्बीर अहमद सलारिया : मैडम, कहते हैं--बद अच्छा बदनाम बुरा । ये मेंबर्स ऑफ पार्लियामेंट बेचारे बिला वजह बदनाम हैं ।

†[شری شبیر احمد سلاریہ :

میڈم کہتے ہیں - بد اچھا بدنام برا - یہ ممبرس آف پارلیمنٹ بیچارے بلاوجہ بدنام ہیں -]

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज्य (हरियाणा) : मैडम, जिस बात का जिक्र किया गया है उसमें यह प्रावधान किया गया था कि हम लोगों को जो 16 एयर जर्नी मिलती हैं सेशन के लिए आने-जाने के अलावा, उसमें यह व्यवस्था कर दी गई थी कि जर्नी तो 16 ही रहेंगी लेकिन उसमें एक कंपेनियन साथ जा सकेगा । इसमें क्या एलरजि है? कौन सा इकनोमिक बर्डन इस पर आ रहा है? 16 जर्नी ही आप रखिए, बेशक 14 कर दीजिए लेकिन उसमें एक कंपेनियन के जाने की छूट होनी चाहिए । इसमें कोई आर्थिक बोझ नहीं है । तो भी वह बिल वहां से पास नहीं हो रहा है । मैं आपको अपना उदाहरण देती हूं । मैं जब मिजोरम जाती हूं तो अपनी बच्ची को साथ ले जाती हूं । वह सारे पैसे मुझे देने पड़ते हैं और मेरी पूरी 16 जर्नी लैप्स होती है, तो जिन 16 जर्नी का एनटाइटिलमेंट है उसमें मैं कह रही हूं कि मेरे साथ एक कंपेनियन एलाऊ कर दीजिए । मुझे समझ में नहीं आता कि इसमें दिक्कत क्या है, यह क्यों नहीं हो रहा है? जगेश जी जब हमारी कमेटी में जाते हैं तो अपनी जर्नी लैप्स करवाते हैं और पत्नी को साथ ले जाते हैं । तो इसमें दिक्कत क्या है ? हम एक पैसे का भी इकनोमिक बर्डन नहीं डाल रहे हैं । पार्लियामेंटरी अफेयर्स मिनिस्टर यहां बैठे हैं । मैं उनसे निवेदन करना चाहती हूं कि जो जर्नी आप देते हैं, उसमें एक कंपेनियन एलाऊ कर दीजिए ।

उपसभापति : पार्लियामेंटरी अफेयर्स मिनिस्टर यहां बैठे हैं ।

I am sure, he is listening to this.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): The whole House associates itself with this.

श्री शब्बीर अहमद सलारिया : कोई हद होती है । प्रेजीडेंट ऑफ इंडिया कब तक उसको अपने पास रखेंगे ?

†[شری شبیر احمد سلاریہ : کوئی حد ہوتی ہے - پریسیڈنٹ آف انڈیا کب تک اسکو اپنے پاس رکھیں گے -

उपसभापति : सब लोग बैठें तो कुछ बोलूं ।

Mr. Jacob, you have heard what the Member's grievances are about their houses. They feel that CPWD does not look after their complaints. About the Bill, which was passed in the House, they have made their suggestions and opinions. As Parlimentary Affairs Minister would you please look into the matter as to what the problem of our MPs is? (*Interruptions*). Let him speak.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Actually, the Chairman of the House Committee used to take up this matter with the Ministry of Urban Development. I will check up with the Chairman, House Committee what action he is contemplating now. If nothing is done, I will be taking up this matter with with the Chairman.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: For companions more facilities should be provided.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : मंत्री महोदय सदन की भावनाओं से राष्ट्रपति जी को अवगत करा दें.... (व्यवधान)

श्री राम नरेश सिंह यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) सरकार को कोई आपत्ति इस सुझाव को लागू करने में नहीं होनी चाहए। माननीय संसदीय कार्य मंत्री जी सदन को आश्वस्त करें कि इस दिशा में वह जल्दी कदम उठाने का काम करेंगे... (व्यवधान)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: We don't want extra burden on the Government... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I heard and the Minister heard... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Before the end of the Session, we want it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We are not discussing about the Members' amenities... (*Interruptions*) Please, Mr. Trivedi, I am not permitting. Please speak from your seat... (*Interruptions*) and I am not permitting you.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (Gujarat): I want to oppose certain things. We can't forget the public perception...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is not the public perception... (*Interruptions*). You didn't hear the whole thing.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI): Why can't I be given a chance if everybody else is permitted?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not giving you a chance... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: *

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. Please take your seat... (*Interruptions*) Don't make an argument... (*Interruptions*) Will you please take your seat?... (*Interruptions*) I am not permitting you... (*Interruptions*) Please hold on. Nothing will go on record of what he is saying. If anybody speaks without my permission... (*Interruptions*) I said it will not go on record. It won't be reported in the press... (*Interruptions*) Please don't argue. I said,

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

*Not recorded.

[The Deputy Chairman]

sit down... (*Interruptions*) That was a very limited scope. It won't be reported in the press... (*Interruptions*) It has nothing to do with it. It is his window which is being broken and that is the limited scope. That is only about the window. If you want to say anything about the window, you are permitted... (*Interruptions*) The Minister has not committed on the Bill. He has only committed on the Members' amenities... (*Interruptions*) I am not allowinp that... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): Madam, point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No point of order... (*Interruptions*) When the matter comes, you can discuss... (*Interruptions*) No discussion... (*Interruptions*) Not on anything.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: I have got a point of order. मेरा प्वाइंट आफ आर्डर स्पेशल मैंशन पर ही है ... (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति: आप बैठ जाइए। स्पेशल मेंन्शन पर कोई प्वाइंट आफ आर्डर नहीं होता। आप बैठिए, आपकी बात को में बाद में सुनूंगी। .... (व्यवधान) Let me make a comment. Unfortunately, when a Member talks about his problem, it becomes a discussion. It is very unfortunate if we are going to convert a Special Mention into a discussion and points of order, their personal opinions and somebody's counters. This is not the thing. The question was limited to a window falling and repair not being done and the whole House is on it. Where is the question of public posture on it? They want to make anything into a political thing. Yes Mr. Sinha.

Need to declare Dr. Rajendra Prasad's House in Jeradei Village in Bihar as a National Movement

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): Madam, Deputy Chairman, today the 3rd of December, is the birth anniversary of the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and it is with great anguish that I am raising the point that I am going to raise. One would have imagined that a grateful nation would have taken steps by now to preserve, protect and maintain the things which are associated with Rajendra Babu. But when one looks at what exactly is happening to all these things one feels, as I said, very anguished. Rajendra Babu, as you know, Madam, Deputy Chairperson, was born in a village called Jeradei. Madam, Jeradei and the whole area is known as the *Vrindavan* of Bihar because it has a salubrious climate and there are orchards and groves and lots of trees.

This village still sets an example. Though there are only two families of Muslims in this village, one of the tallest *Tazias* in the whole area is taken out from this village, with the co-operation of everyone. They have a pride of place.

Unfortunately, Madam Deputy Chairman, what has happened is, the house in which Rajenbabu was born, has not been maintained. His family is not in the circumstances in which they can maintain the house. We have not, the Government has not, taken any steps. The room in which he was born is already dilapidated. It has collapsed. The sitting room, or, *dalan*, as it is called, where Mahatma Gandhi had gone to ask the elder brother of Rajenbabu, Mahendra Prasadji, to lend the services of Rajenbabu for the national movement, and spent two days in the House, is collapsing. The whole house is in total disrepair. This is the condition of the house in which he was born.

The village is ina very bed way. Some steps had been taken; to open a primary school, a middle-school, a high school, etc. An hospital was opened. But you will be surprised to know, Madam De-